



EAST BLOOMFIELD TOWN NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2015

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERVISOR

We made it! One of the coldest and snowiest winters ever is now over. For those of us who didn't head South it has seemed like it would never end, but here we are on the other end and looking forward to the Spring days ahead.

I want to commend Brian Bernard and the Highway crew for keeping our roads clear and salted. Many night and week end hours were given up to keep the roads clear.

I would also like to commend Brian Rayburn, of the Village, who oversees the Town's water and sewer. Unfortunately we have had many water pipes break these last weeks of March, with the thawing of the ground. Brian and his crew have had to put in many long hours finding and repairing the leaks.

As I write this newsletter we are finally beginning the water replacement project for District Nos. 1 & 2. The project will involve the North side of Wheeler Station Rd. and the Town section of Routes 5 & 20. The construction crew has assured us that they will try to be as least disruptive as possible for traffic patterns and water supplies to the property owners who will be affected. We do not have a work schedule at this point, but as we receive it we will be putting it on the Town website.

We have proclaimed May 2 as "Drummers' Heritage Day" along with the Town of West Bloomfield. It is a day to honor the local veterans of the American Revolutionary War, who are buried in our East Bloomfield Cemetery. The event will involve music from the Revolutionary era played on fife and drums, along with a brief narration about the lives of drummer boys during the War for Independence. This is led by Bill Cahn, Associate Professor at the Eastman School of Music. I encourage our residents to participate in this special day.

Hope you all will enjoy these long awaited days of Spring!

Dianne Crowley—Supervisor

FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE:

Recently I attended the Ontario County Clerk's Association Meeting and the guest speaker was Tim Davis, Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension, in Ontario County. Tim gave a very enlightening presentation about various programs and services they provide to municipalities and residents. I thought it would be a good opportunity to share just a few of them with you:

- Wildlife/Pest Control
- Home Grounds/Horticulture Information
- Local Foods Guide (Roadside & Farmer Market Locations)
- Parenting Classes
- Youth Tractor Safety Certification
- Summer Recreation Opportunities (4-H Camp)
- 4-H Robotics Club
- Well Water Testing
- Pond and Wood Lot Preparation
- Handling Agricultural Related Complaints

The 4-H Camp Bristol Hills will host Open Houses on April 18th, May 9th and June 7th from 1PM-3PM each day for anyone interested. There are 2015 Scholarships available. Further information may be obtained at www.4-hcampbristolhills.org or by calling (585) 394-3977 ext. 435. Camp Registration Booklets are also available at the Town Hall.

Please stop by the Town Clerk's Office for your Fishing License.

I have started a trophy wall and would greatly appreciate your prized fish photos that you would like to share with us.

It is my pleasure to serve my community and be as helpful as I can. Please contact me with any questions or concerns at (585) 657-6515 or by email at mgochenaur@frontier.com. Thank you for your continued support.

Margaret "Peggy" Gochenaur -Town Clerk



HELLO FROM THE HIGHWAY HAPPY SPRING TO ALL!

Wow! What a long winter!

As everyone knows we had a busy winter here at the highway department. Our highway crew did a great job in keeping up with the conditions thrown at us. We had consistently cold weather that resulted in us holding off on our salting operations. Thus allowing us to loan salt to other towns, since this is our second winter where our salt vendor could not keep up with the demand and some of our neighboring towns had a shortage.

After we take down the snow fences and clean up any plow damage, we will begin getting ready for our summer road work.

In May, if weather is good, we will stone and oil the following roads:

Pond Road, Steele Road, Stetson Road, Stirnie Road, Townline Road, Oakmount Road and Woolston Road east of Flat-iron.

In June and July after school gets out, we are planning to replace all cross culverts on Whalen Road. We will also be cleaning all town ditches in this area. Traffic on Wheeler Station Road will be detoured for a week or so as we work on cleaning the ditches. We will do our best to work around the water line replacement project that will be going on during this time.

In August we will black top the following roads in preparation for stone and oiling in 2016: Studick Road, Wheeler Station Road and Woolston Road. We will also be leveling and wedging on Whalen Road for possible repaving in 2016.

The above road work will be completed depending on the weather.

As always please slow down in all work zones. We all have families we want to go home to each night.

If you would like to contact me, I can be reached by phone at (585) 657-7727 or by email me at ebhwy@frontier.com

Hope we all have a great Spring and Summer!

Brian Bernard-



The Blessing Room and Bloomfield Mobile Food Pantry

The Blessing Room has enjoyed growth in our number of clients and volunteers during the past 18 months. Our home is at St. Bridget's Church Hall at 15 Church Street, next to the library.

We are especially grateful to the area churches who have been so generous with their food and monetary donations to us. A special thank you to the Mendon Gospel Choir for donating the proceeds from their collection at their March 1st concert.

The Mobile Food Pantry will resume on May 8th at St. Bridget's Parking Lot. It runs from 4-6PM the second Friday of the Month from May through October. All residents and volunteers are welcome.

Blessing Room Hours:
Wednesday 10am-12pm
Friday 4pm-6pm
Saturday 10am-12pm

Served in March:
43 Children
140 Adults
96 Elderly

BLOOMFIELD LIBRARY NEWS

We have new hours! In response to your feedback in our recent survey, we have modified our hours to include opening on a second morning each week. Please note our new hours:

Monday 2:30 pm – 8 pm
Tuesday 10 am – 12 pm and 2:30 pm – 8 pm
Wednesday 2:30 pm– 8 pm
Thursday 10 am – 12 pm and 2:30 pm – 8 pm
Friday 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Saturday 10 am – 2 pm



We have a variety of programs going on in the library. Visit the library or our webpage to get more up to date information www.bloomfieldpubliclibrary.wordpress.com.

Programs coming up include :

- Preschool Story Time Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am until April 14th.
- An eReader refresher course on April 6th (actually 3 different sessions, 6 pm All things Kindle, 6:45 pm All things Nook and 7:15 pm All things Tablet).
- Our Book Club meets the first Monday of the month at 2:30 pm and our Knitting group meets every Friday at 1 pm.
- Summer Reading Program will begin at the end of June – watch for more info coming soon...

Interested in getting more involved in your library? The Friends of the Bloomfield Public Library meet at 6 pm the third Monday of every month. The Friends work to promote the library by increasing awareness of the library and our programming in the community and raising funds to support our programs, services, materials and facilities. Please join us and help support the library! The Friends Annual Book Sale is May 1st -3rd. We are accepting donations of gently used books.

Hope to see you soon!

Diana Thorn -Library Manager

TOWN BOARD MEETS

2nd and 4th Monday @ 7:30 pm

TOWN COURT

Every Thursday @ 4:00 pm

PLANNING BOARD MEETS

1st and 3rd Thursday @ 7:30 pm

ZONING BOARD MEETS

4th Wednesday @ 7:30 pm

WELCOME

TO OUR NEW BUSINESSES

Dollar General , Route 5 & 20

Dunkin Donuts @ Quicklees, Main Street & Route 444

Big Mini Storage, Route 5 & 20; Phone #585-257-5006; BigMiniStorageInc.com

Nätura Salon, 7203 Route 5 & 20; Phone #585-657-8115

We are grateful that these Business owners chose to settle in Bloomfield. Please stop in to welcome them and spread the word to family and friends as a way to support them.

ROTARY CLUB NEWS

Thank you so much to all that supported our soup-er bowl contest at the Bloomfield High School on Saturday, March 7th. We had sixteen fabulous soups to taste which were complimented by fresh tossed salad, bread and home-made desserts. The voting was very close this year but Kay Bennett managed to retain her title for best soup.

Our future plans include the following:

- We will again sponsor a student this year to give the Gettysburg Address at the conclusion of the Memorial Day parade;
- We will be having our annual tasting extravaganza at St. Bridget's Parish Hall on May 16th from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. There will be at least six wineries, micro-breweries, a chocolates table and many other culinary delights accompanied by a silent auction to raise funds for the many charitable groups and events that Rotary supports;
- We will again award several scholarships to graduating seniors at commencement in June;
- We are very pleased to be able to offer free concerts in Elton Park on Tuesdays, July 7, 21, 28 and August 4 & 11 from 7 to 9 pm. Please bring a lawn chair and join us. Hot dogs will be on the grill available for a small donation to Polio Plus (the Rotary program to eradicate polio in the world).

Our local club meets weekly at 7:30 am on Monday mornings at Veteran's Park for breakfast. The meetings are concluded promptly at 8:30 am. Rotary has much to offer our community and to our members as well. We would love to have you join us sometime. For more information, please contact Kathy Conradt at (585) 657-6822.

Contributed by Rotarian Kathy Conradt

HATS OFF to the Bloomfield Lions Club!

For their vision screening test which tests the vision of preschool and Kindergarten students.

This simple vision test showed an abnormal result for Brianna Leitten. Brianna's parents were notified by the Lions Club and with a visit to an eye doctor it was found that Brianna had a fast growing tumor. Immediate surgery was performed and Brianna's parents attribute the Lion's Club for saving their daughters life.

On March 7, Brianna and her mom, Dorie, sat on a panel of experts at the U.N. headquarters in New York, to help spread the word about the importance of early vision screening. They joined 450 Lions from around the world — including members of the Bloomfield Lions Club, U.N. diplomats and other key representatives of the United Nations.

Thank you Lions for your valuable service to our community.



ANTIQUE WIRELESS ASSOCIATION NEWS:

Through the combined efforts of the Antique Wireless volunteers and Chrisanntha Construction, progress continues to complete Phase II at the museum.

The construction company recently added a 6' x 8' door in the west wall of the museum to facilitate the transfer of the disassembled audio control center from its location in the storage area at the Conference Center to the museum area dedicated to Phase II. It will be reassembled for public display when this section of the museum is dedicated during the opening day of the AWA International Conference on August 11th.

The vacated storage area at the Conference Center has allowed Chrisanntha Construction to double the existing storage capacity by adding a second floor and to modify one of the two large garage doors to allow the construction of a lift area, providing access to the second floor in addition to the existing stairway.

The AWA volunteers have begun the task of tagging every item in the back of the museum for alternate destinations as that portion of the museum is totally emptied to accommodate the development of Phase II this year, and later, Phase III, the 72 seat multi-use theater.

The Annex at Veteran's Park has been temporarily leased to stage items destined for sale during the "Spring Meet" on the morning of May 2nd and the large artifact and print auction to be held at Peddler's Antiques that afternoon by Estes Auction, the premier electronics auctioneer in the United States.

The AWA Spring Meet is an annual event of the museum, held every first Saturday each May and open to the public. A tail gate flea market of electronic items is held in the parking lot and coffee and donuts are available at the Lodge throughout the morning. Sellers may set up at 7:00 AM (\$12.00) and buyers may arrive at 8:00 AM (\$5.00) to purchase print material and artifacts in the Annex. The museum will open for tours at 10:00 AM at a special Spring Meet rate of \$5.00 and the Estes Auction will take place, after a break for lunch, at 1:00 PM. Lunch can be had at Peddler's Antiques before the auction and locations in the Village.

At 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 12th, Karen Noske will present the second in her series of "Iconic Women in Radio", featuring Hedy Lamarr, known by many for her original radio and sultry movie roles, but virtually unknown for her series of electronic inventions which aided efforts during World War II. The presentation will be at the museum (\$4.00).

Ron Roach, Operations Manager

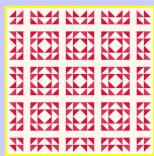
News from The East Bloomfield Historical Society

The East Bloomfield Historical Society is getting ready for the 2015 season with our opening on April 1st. The museum will be open Monday-Friday, 9am to 2pm. We are pleased to announce that the theme of the first exhibit, which will start April 16th and be on display through May and June, will be East Bloomfield’s military connection starting with the Revolutionary War and up to the present day. Items will be drawn from the Historical Society’s collection and from various community members. We hope you will take the time to visit and tour the display.



The Society has a very exciting program schedule for 2015 beginning with a presentation on April 16th at 7pm at the East Bloomfield Historical Society by Susan Peterson Gately titled “Maritime Tales of Lake Ontario.” Susan is a fisheries scientist, teacher, author, sailor, and resident of Wolcott. The next program, scheduled for May 21st is titled “Life of Micah Brooks Earl, Bloomfield Pioneer” and presented by Jaclyn Eddy who is a professor at SUNY Geneseo, an author, and a resident of Nunda.

An exciting addition this year is a ceremony at the East Bloomfield Cemetery on Saturday, May 2nd at 10:00am. William Cahn, professor at the Eastman School of Music has organized a program featuring fife and drum music of the Revolutionary War with a special emphasis on the lives of drummer boys. A roll call will be read of the names of Revolutionary War soldiers buried in East Bloomfield cemeteries.



Next year we celebrate the Society’s fiftieth anniversary and to commemorate the occasion we are making a signature quilt. We hope you will help to create this legacy by participating in the Anniversary Quilt; your family’s name will be preserved and viewed with admiration hundreds of year from now. Don’t forget to buy your quilt square before May 1st. Please call 657-7244 for further details and quilt order forms. All proceeds will go toward the maintenance, preservation, and display of our textiles.

Judi Stewart—Town Historian

INTRODUCINGDIANA THORN

We welcome a new face to our Library. Mrs. Diana Thorn joined the Library in December 2014 as Library Manager. Diana has previously worked for the Library in 2009 as a Library Clerk and in 2010 as the Children’s Librarian. Diana is the Manager of both the Bloomfield and Bristol Library (a wonderful inter-municipal partnership that she has established). She is also on the Board of Boughton Park.

Diana lives here in Bloomfield with her husband, Mark, who serves on the Town’s Zoning Board, and her daughter, Jamie, who is a Senior at Bloomfield Central School.

Diana has great energy and some wonderful, creative thoughts for upcoming programs and direction for our library. We are fortunate to have her energy and creativity serving our library patrons.

WELCOME DIANA!



BLOOMFIELD GARDEN CLUB

The Bloomfield Garden Club is a service and a social organization. It began in 1971 and currently has over 40 members, many who are charter members. Monthly meetings include speakers on various topics of interest as well as field trips to gardens and other interesting sites. Members serve on committees and projects including maintenance on the Academy Herb Garden, Bloomfield Library Garden and Pickle Park. Members also participate in decorating for Christmas at the Historical Society, FF Thompson Hospital, Elton Park gazebo and the wreaths hung on the streets of Bloomfield. The Garden Club’s main fundraiser is their annual Plant Sale held on the grounds of the Historical Society in May. The sale features annuals, homegrown perennials, hanging baskets and raffle items. Proceeds from the sale are used for the plantings and pots around Bloomfield as well as sponsorship of a local student to a DEC camp. Contributions are made to the Blessing Room Food Pantry, Nature Conservancy, Water for Sudan as well as memberships to Sonnenburg Gardens and the Rochester Civic Garden Center. For more information, contact Barbara Jauch at (585) 657-7263 or by email at bspruce-ton@frontiernet.net.



SPRING , WHERE ARE YOU?

While driving down the road I thought,
Winter has finally come and gone,
But then snowflakes came rushing at me,
And I knew that I was wrong.

Some folks enjoy the cold and snow
And long for it to stay,
While others wait impatiently
For a warm sunshiny day.

Long experience however has taught us,
When our expectations are not met,
That patience is a virtue,
And to settle for what we get.

By: Town Clerk - “Peggy” Gochenaur

SUMMER RECREATION REGISTRATION

Registration for the East Bloomfield Summer Recreation Program will be at the Town Hall on Wednesday, May 13, 6 - 8:30 p.m. and Wednesday, June 10, 6 - 8:30 p.m. Registration forms will be sent home from school with Elementary and Middle School students during the first week in May. Forms will also be available at the Town Hall, the Library, the Elementary School Office, the Middle School Office, the West Bloomfield Town Hall and on the Town website.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Daley at 585-520-8500 or the Town Hall at 585-657-7701.

